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The Haliburton Fall Festival A New and Exciting Promotion to Hit the Village of Haliburton

What has arms, a head, legs and is used to spook birds away? A scare-crow!

Now is your chance to use your creativity and build one of these mannequin's as part of the Haliburton Fall Festival.

In this new initiative, led by a Promotions Committee formed by Haliburton merchants and a volunteer Decorating Committee, a dynamite fall promotion has been created.

So use your skills and come up with a scarecrow that'll attract some attention!

All entries must be in by Friday, Sept. 19 at 4:00 p.m. at the Village Barn in Haliburton on Highland St.

There are some big cash prizes too! The 1st place scarecrow receives \$100, 2nd place gets \$50 and 3rd receives \$25. Following the contest, scarecrows will be placed around town, along with hay bales and corn stalks.

Businesses will also be active participants in the promotion, as they have all been invited to start decorating their store fronts on Monday, Sept. 22 up until Thanksgiving. Once the town is decorated, the falls promotion commences from Tuesday, Sept. 30 – Saturday, Oct. 4.

As things kick-off, businesses will be provided a free turkey (10-12 lbs) to give away. Ballot boxes and ballots will also be supplied so that businesses can draw a winner for the birds on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 3 p.m. Turkeys will be in the form of a gift certificate to be redeemed at Foodland. Businesses outside the B.I.A. are invited to participate at a cost of \$25 per business, which includes the turkey, ballot box, ballots and free radio advertising.

Below is a timeline of the schedule of events for this new promotion of the Highlands.

Scarecrow Contest – Friday, Sept. 19 (4:00 p.m.) Village Barn

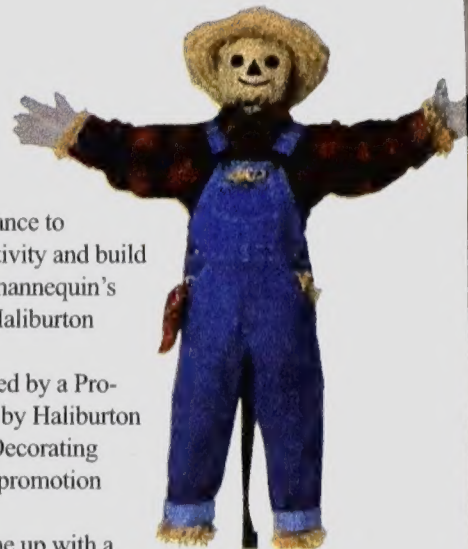
Volunteer town decorating – Sept. 18 – 20th

Businesses to decorate storefront – Sept. 22nd until Thanksgiving

Fall Festival and newspaper advertising – Sept. 30 – Oct. 4th

Turkey Draw – Saturday, Oct. 4

"Guess the Pumpkin Weight" – Saturday, Oct. 4th



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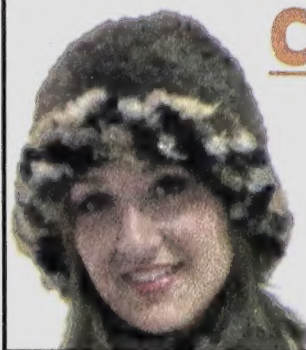
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Making the Most of the Mess I'm In

"Canada's own Barbara Johnson" and local dancer ready to inspire and entertain

by Trudy Pogue

You will laugh. You will cry. You will be encouraged. That is the promise of the 6th Annual Women's Day Together. Joanne Goodwin has often been referred to as "Canada's own Barbara Johnson." This dynamic and entertaining speaker will be at

Lakeside Baptist Church in Haliburton on September 20. Goodwin will combine honesty and humour as she shares what she has learned through difficult circumstances in her life, including living with depression and dealing with tragic events in her daughter's life. Her message, Making the Most of the Mess I'm In, is based on Jeremiah 29:11 in the Bible: "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

The day will also include a time of singing led by one of Lakeside's worship teams, a book review, a book table (presented by Master's Bookstore), and a special performance by local dancer Jordyn Archer. Currently studying at the University of Guelph, Archer has been dancing since she was five years old. She looks at dancing as an opportunity to praise God and worship Him.

Lyn Unsworth is the coordinator of Women's Day Together. Now in its sixth year, this event sees women from all walks of life, of all ages, and from as far away as Lindsay, Orangeville and Milton come out for a day of inspiration and fellowship with other women. Unsworth has many years experience in women's ministry. In 1974 she was on the first executive committee of Women Alive, planning and organizing weekend conferences at the University of Waterloo featuring popular speakers such as Jill Briscoe, Corrie ten Boom and Joni Eareckson Tada, and attracting audiences of around 2000. She later organized Women Alive conferences in Brantford and spent 15 years with Stonecroft Ministries' Christian Women's Clubs. She has also organized weekend conferences at Muskoka Woods and has served as Director of Women's Ministries on the Board of the Canadian Council

of Christian Charities (CCCC). In 1994 Unsworth and her husband, Ian, retired to their cottage on Kennisis Lake.

"I came up kicking and screaming. After all, I was a city girl," says Unsworth. "But God had plans."

She quickly put her experience and contacts to work and in 1995, began a monthly women's get together in West Guilford called LIFT (Ladies In Fellowship Together). In 2003, she put together a committee and launched the first Women's Day Together (originally called "Ladies Day Apart").

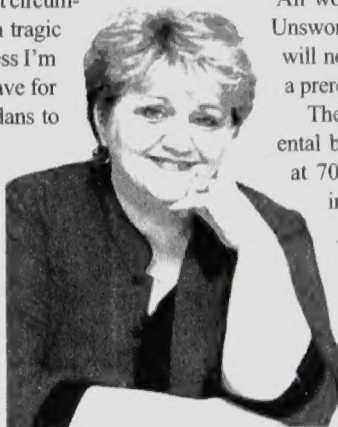
"We have always received favourable comments and sometimes great ideas," says Unsworth. This year, she says, "Women will be blessed, encouraged and uplifted!"

All women are welcome, from the age of 16 to 96, says Unsworth. Of course, if you happen to be 97 or older, you will not be turned away! And having a "messy life" is not a prerequisite.

The cost for the day is only \$25 and includes continental breakfast and lunch. To register, please contact Lyn at 705-457-3155 or lunsworth@interhop.net For more information about Joanne Goodwin, please visit www.joannegoodwin.ca.

"You will be totally delighted with this woman," says Unsworth of Joanne Goodwin. "She is a little crazy. I have never laughed so much listening to a speaker. However, there will be 'meat,' and you will come away encouraged."

On September 20, you may want to bring some kleenex.



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"Dress Up Your Pet" Contest - Saturday, Oct. 4th (1 - 3p.m.)
Face painting, clowns and music - Saturday, Oct. 4th (12 - 3p.m.)

For further information contact:

Town decorating - Mary McKee 705 457-2022
Promotions: Andy Glecoff 705 457-2715; Bob Park 705 457-2242;
David Zilstra 705 457-1037

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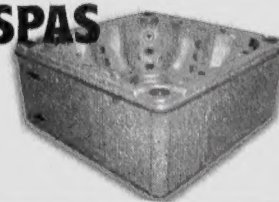
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Kinmount Timbr-Mart

Spotlight On Business

By Mark Arike

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Are you in need of some necessary tools for one of those do-it-yourself jobs? Or maybe you're a contractor requiring some professional services geared towards a larger scale project. Whoever you are or whatever the size of your project may be, the Kinmount TIM-BR Mart is equipped to handle your needs.

Kathleen Lang and Mike Carpenter are the co-owners of the Kinmount location and both bring their own expertise to the table in the operation of the business. Lang, who first purchased the business six years ago, met her business partner Mike shortly after permanently moving to the area.

"I was living in Nova Scotia at the time and I wanted to move to this area because my cottage was here. I was looking around for work and a mother-in-law of someone I used to work with said that there was a business for sale in the area," explains Lang. "So I looked in to it and decided to buy it." Lang was no stranger to the area, as she was a long-time cottager on Lake Kashagawigamog.

After officially leaving the East Coast and making the long distance move in June of 2002, she soon realized that she'd need to find someone with experience in working in a lumber yard that could help her out. Lang had the "book-smarts" but she also needed a person with some of the real hands-on experience.

"When I came in, there was a woman who was about to retire and I didn't have experience in the lumber yard. I started looking to see if I could find someone that would work with me and had experience. That's when I met Mike at a TIM-BR Mart meeting," she says while adding, "I needed to have someone with me who could be a partner and could share equal responsibility and help make the decisions."

After that fateful meeting, Lang decided to bring Mike on-board – a well-rounded, experienced professional who was born and raised in Haliburton County.

"I've been in the lumber business since 1997," said Carpenter. "I first started out in Haliburton Lumber as a truck driver. The following year, I moved inside to do sales. I've also looked after customer service and ordering materials for the last 30 years."

At TIM-BR Mart, Carpenter looks after stock orders, speciality/kitchen orders and works one-on-one with clients. Lang is primarily responsible for completing all the paperwork which includes: daily receipts, monthly reports, summaries and accounts receivable and payable. She also greets customers.

When it comes to Lang's past, she has a very interesting one. Especially when you're talking about the previous industry she worked in.

"I spent 25 years working in aviation. In the first eight years in that field I was a pilot and then I worked for de Havilland Aircraft of Canada Limited in Toronto where I was selling aircraft. Then I worked for a simulator company for four years and then I worked for Bombardier as a Director of Sales."

When she first started her career, Lang also managed her own small business.

"I had an aircraft brokerage selling small aircraft and managing them when I was flying," she explains.

Before their arrival and during their time at the business, the Kinmount TIMBR-Mart has been through some alterations.

"Our buying group has gone through some name changes over the years. It used to be a Homecare Building Centre." In the late 70's, TIMBR-Mart was also under the Castle Building Centre banner.

According to Carpenter, the building and its services to the public have been in Kinmount at 4116 County Rd. #121 for at least 50 years.

"It was run by a local family; Jack and June Phillips were the owners," said Carpenter. "It started out as Canadian Lumber and Independent Lumber Yard," added Lang.

Since Lang and Carpenter stepped into the ownership spotlight, they



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TIMBR-Mart in Kinmount is a Name You Can Count On

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went ahead with making some minor adjustments to the property.

"This used to be a garage," said Lang while inside the hardware store. "The main hardware store was actually a shop that was in the middle of the yard. We've since torn that down and expanded the space that we have available in the yard." Before revamping things, Lang estimates that the original hardware store was no larger than 600 sq. ft. The expansion to the yard took place three years ago.

Lang also indicates just how big the current store and the surrounding buildings and property are.

"It's about 1,600 sq. ft. in the store and the barn is about 6,000 sq. ft. The area of the yard is three acres."

In the barn there's a large variety of lumber as well as siding, drywall doors, windows and more.

On the other hand, what hasn't really changed are the services available and you can still come to expect exceptional customer service when you walk through the door.

"All the original staff that were here when I started are still here," says Lang. Currently, there six employees excluding Kathleen and Mike. Both co-owners have nothing but good things to say about their time at the helm of the business.

"It's been great," says Lang. "There's a certainly been a learning curve, but you can't learn this industry overnight. It's been a challenge and I like to have a new challenge. Had I not of had experienced employees around me, it certainly would have been more difficult, but having had that has been great."

Lang also adds that being a part of the lumber business has been quite different from anything she's ventured into in the past.

"This has given me a good overview of what it takes to run, man-

age and operate a small business consistently. I really think this puts the whole picture together."



She also credits the incredible surroundings of the County as an added benefit to living and working here that makes her want to stay. It's that small town atmosphere that allows TIM-BR Mart to make connections with their customers, says Lang.

"I like the size of the area because you know everybody and I think that our customers like the fact that we know them too.

Carpenter also echoes a similar opinion on the state of the business as his fellow co-owner.

"It's great. The people here have to be the friendliest people in the world I think. Both our customers and staff are good," he says.

Over the years, both have noticed one major change in the building industry, and that change involves the construction of cottages.

"There are less of the do-it-yourself jobs in the area and more contractors have started doing the work for people. The projects are bigger. People are buying cottages and are doing total renovations or are tearing

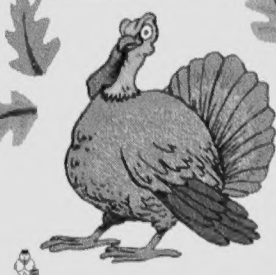
them down and are building new," explains Lang. "As a result we're finding that our business has shifted quite dramatically to the contractors side. I've noticed that over six years."

So for the latest products, friendly staff and everything you need to build a home from scratch, drop by the Kinmount TIM-BR Mart or call 705 488-2000 to have any of your questions answered.



A Little Bit of Everything Fall Has Arrived!

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The Broadway in Haliburton

A Night of Entertainment by The Yorkminstrels Show Choir



Profile on the featured act of the night...

The Yorkminstrels Show Choir is a dynamic, mixed-voice choir, based in North York, serving the greater Toronto area, and part of The Yorkminstrels musical theatre company.

Want to enjoy an evening of Broadway song and dance while you help out the YWCA Haliburton County Women's Centre & Safespace? Then make a note of this upcoming and entertaining event.

On Saturday, Sept. 20 at the Haliburton Legion, it'll be your chance to enjoy some outstanding entertainment courtesy of The Yorkminstrels Show Choir. Doors to this event open at 5:00 p.m. and dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. The master of ceremonies is Mike Jaycock of Canoe FM.

Tickets are \$25 each and are available at Kitchens Plus (Haliburton), Henwoods Variety (Haliburton), My Size Clothing (Minden), Pine Reflections (Carnarvon) and by calling Donna and Bob at 705 754-4556.

The YWCA Haliburton County Women's Centre & Safespace provides programs and assistance for women and their children. The group's goal is to end violence in our community and our homes.

For more details contact Daisy Downs at 705 286-1942 or email ywcahal@bellnet.ca.

The choir was founded in 1974 by several members of the theatre group. Their aim was to bring music into the community and reach new audiences. Over the years, choir membership has grown considerably. The repertoire is extensive, with costumes and choreography having been added to enhance the visual appeal of the concerts. Under the musical direction of Cathy Whiteside, The Yorkminstrels Show Choir now performs throughout the greater Toronto area, and would be delighted to sing for you!

What They Offer

Broadway show selections (from both modern and classic musicals), medleys featuring "golden oldies" from the 30's and 40's, contemporary popular music, folk songs, seasonal favourites, choreography and costumes. Concert material will vary according to the needs of your event.

Where They Perform

In addition to numerous seniors' facilities, The Yorkminstrels Show Choir has also performed at the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts, Mel Lastman Square, Skylight Theatre, Ontario Science Centre, Arts & Letters Club, ArtsWeek (B.C.E. Place), Royal Ontario Museum, Ontario Place Forum, Christmasfest at Markham Fairgrounds, CITY-TV'S Breakfast Television, Gravenhurst Opera House, Brampton's Heritage Theatre and many more.

For four weeks in May/June, 2003, The Yorkminstrels Show Choir spent their Wednesday evenings laying down tracks for a CD. The Director, Cliff Jones, guided them through the long and sometimes difficult process of recording the vocals to the pre-recorded piano tracks. Each of the sections — soprano, alto, tenor and bass — sang their vocal part separately, with the "three tenors" usually doubling up their tracks to make up for their small number. Lianne Fainsinger, who expertly laid down the piano tracks in previous sessions, was able to add her voice to the women's parts. The guys at Number Nine Audio were great, making the process as easy as possible.

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by Linda Thistle

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by George Farrell

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Hard Water is a characteristic of natural water due to the presence of dissolved calcium and magnesium. Water hardness is responsible for most scale formation in pipes and water heaters and forms insoluble "curd" when it reacts with soaps. It's particularly hard on clothes, and appliances like washing machines and plumbing, due to its corrosive nature.

Clear Water Iron (Ferrous) is identifiable by the yellow, brown or rusty stains on plumbing fixtures, water-using appliances and fabrics. It produces a metallic taste in foods and beverages; water is clear when drawn from the faucet but oxidizes

when exposed to air, then changes color, ranging from yellow to brown.

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Manganese produces a blackish stain on fixtures and laundry; manganese content above 0.05 PPM causes stains.

Aggressive / Corrosive Water and Acid Water have high pH levels.

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particles, dirty or cloudy water is the result of tiny suspended particles that derive from water main scale or silt. Private wells often contain sand or clay.

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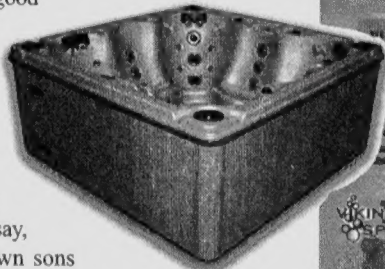
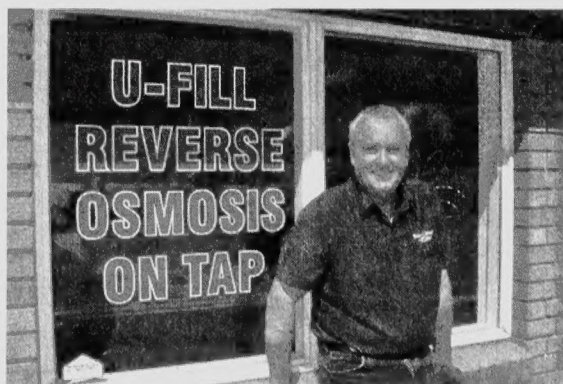
and over again. Up until recently in Minden and in much of the Highlands, the main suppliers of bottled drinking water have been the local convenience stores, where you can purchase those small, overpriced individual plastic bottles of water, that taste like city water, and experts say is not good for you. You can buy the big water-cooler sized plastic jugs at the supermarket and at a few stores which sell bottled water as a secondary consideration. But increasingly people are demanding purer water for everything from making wine to washing clothes. Now there's a store to fill your needs and answer a great many of your questions regarding good old H2O.

Rob Lucas is the manager of the new Minden Water Depot, a 'sister' to a similar store in Lindsay. Rob and his wife Brenda, who occasionally helps out at the store, still live in Lindsay, but now that their two grown sons are at university the couple are looking to relocate locally. "The reason for opening a store in the Highlands is that in Lindsay we were getting a lot of customers from here, and we recognized a need for quality water products in this area," Rob says.

Water Depot offers a convenient and easy U-fill Water Centre with a free carry out service. This means that if you have the regular 18.9 litre water-cooler size jugs or the smaller 11 litre jugs you can get your refill and have it carried out to your car. Of course if you need to purchase jugs Water Depot has them for you. You might wonder where the store gets the water that it supplies its customers with. Well like most of the good citizens of Minden it uses water supplied by the township. However, Rob says "that water is then processed by a seven-step, reverse osmosis system that takes out the chlorine and other volatile chemicals. The reverse osmosis membrane technology eliminates inorganic contaminants and total dissolved solids. The water is also disinfected by a UV light process, ozone is injected to combat bacteria, and all the bottles and jugs are sterilized before being filled."

The Water Depot store has a lot more for customers than drinking water. "We offer complete lines of water treatment systems for the cottage and home," Rob states. Harmful water contaminants and impurities can compromise the health of yourself and your family, as well as reduce the efficiency of your appliances and fixtures. With pure water, you can reduce or eliminate these unnecessary contaminants, and begin to protect yourself and your family from the hidden water problems out there today.

Here are some of the water problems many people in the Highlands experience on a day to day basis, which can be successfully dealt with by a visit to Water Depot.



The Fastest Growing Water Treatment Franchise In North America

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your water. If you decide to purchase a water treatment system the analysis helps in determining the type of system you'll need to fix the problems," says Rob.

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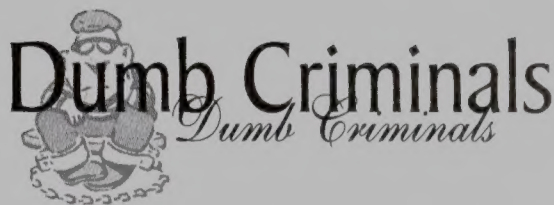
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Pictured: Water Depot Minden Manager, Rob Lucas; Some of the product lines in the store; and one of many kinds of Viking Spas - a brand carried by Minden's Water Depot.



Help Police - I'm Getting A Ticket !!

There are people who will do just about anything to get out of a traffic ticket.

One of those people was a man in Hazelwood, Missouri, who tried something pretty extreme during a routine traffic stop.

A police officer there says that he noticed the passenger making a cell phone call.

Well, it turns out that the unidentified man called in a fake robbery at a nearby convenience store in the hope that the officer would have to respond to that instead of writing his friend a ticket.

He was busted when the dispatcher heard the officer in the background.

He Wasn't Santa....

Fire-Rescue crews in Dallas, Texas, rescued a burglary suspect stuck in a chimney on May 9.

Crews freed the man, identified as 31-year-old Mario Gonzales, late that morning from the chimney of a home that police say that he was trying to burglarize.

Firefighters used a rescue basket to lower him from the roof of the house after working for hours to free Gonzales from the chimney.

A neighbor said that she first began hearing noises around 5:00 AM, but that it took a few hours to figure out that someone was stuck in a neighboring chimney.

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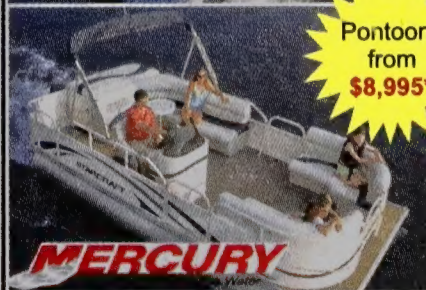
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Last year over 160 riders attended this event from as far away as Pennsylvania, Southern and Northern Ontario and many of the local communities.

The ride will start at 10 a.m. at the Stanhope Fire Hall. Pre-registration is required and this year you can register on-line at www.stanhopefire.org by clicking on ATV rides. The cost of the ride is \$65 which includes breakfast, lunch, dinner and a poker hand. There also will be thousands of dollars in prizes up for grabs.

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It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

Congratulations to the family of the late **Ambrose Ferren** who were honoured to accept the Kinmount & District Lions Club "**Citizen of the Year Award**" for 2008-2009 on his behalf. Ambrose was a dedicated volunteer with the Royal Canadian Legion and the Kinmount Agricultural Society as well as a firm supporter of the Kinmount & District Health Services Foundation. What a wonderful tribute to a most worthy candidate.

The **1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies & Guides** were pleased to receive thanks from the Kinmount Pioneer Society after stringing a garbage bag full of popcorn for the Pioneer Society to use in their Christmas displays at the Pioneer Heritage Buildings during Kinmount Fair. While completing the job the girls enjoyed 4 Christmas episodes of Little House on the Prairie.

Regular meetings begin Monday Sept. 29 at 6:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Bring items to make a scarecrow. No girl will be refused for lack of funds. Call 488-2919 for more information.

Kinmount Playschool has resumed. Parents/caregivers and children meet Wednesdays from 10:00 a.m. till noon at Kinmount Community Centre. Kids enjoy playtime, crafts, songs, stories and snacks. Call 488-3044 for more information.

Sept. 13 - Warren Fountain Memorial Ball Tournament at St. Patrick's Field runs 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Call 488-2211 for more info.

Sept. 15 - Ontario Early Years Mobile Resource Program visits Kinmount Community Centre the first 4 Mondays of each month from 10:00 a.m. to noon.

Sept. 20 - Discover treasures at the Friends of the Library Book Sale, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., at the lower level of Kinmount Public Library.

Sept. 20 - Enjoy savory Bistro Night at Harmony Farm, Prix Fixe, 3 course, reservations required. Call 705-488-1749/705-488-3300 or visit harmonyfarm.ca.

Sept. 21 - 28 - Legion Week. The community is invited to participate in events at Kinmount Legion throughout the week. Enjoy bingo, euchre, cribbage & darts, free lunch included. For more information please call the legion at 488-3462.

Sept. 27 - Kinmount Legion hosts a Dinner and Fashion/Variety Show. Dinner starts at 5:00 p.m. followed by an often humorous fashion & variety show featuring songs from the 40's to present. Tickets are \$12 for dinner and show or \$5 for the show only. Everyone welcome. Advance tickets available.

Sept. 27 - ATV Poker Run sponsored by Kinmount Community Centre Board of Management. Call 488-9954 for info.

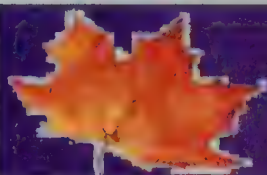
Ongoing Events:

Preschool Story time at Kinmount Public Library every Thursday at 10:30 a.m.

Get a taste of **Kinmount Farmer's Market**, Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at Austin Sawmill Heritage Park beside Kinmount Railway Station

Bingo lovers - Try your luck Friday evenings at 6:45 p.m. at the Royal Canadian Legion.

Please call me at (705) 488-2919 or E-mail me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or advertise an event or activity. See you in Kinmount!!!



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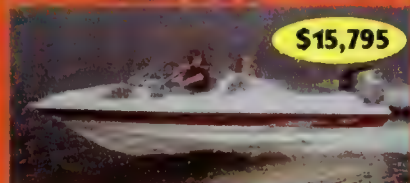
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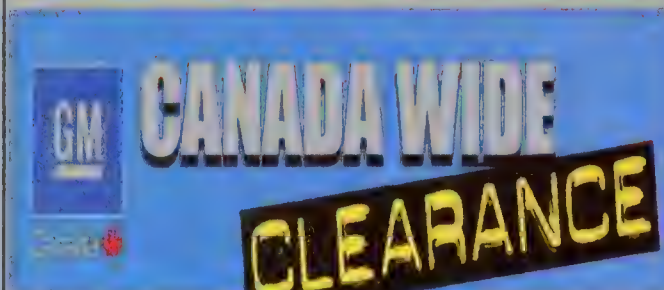


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The Drunken Ex....

My wife and I were sitting at a table at my high school reunion, and I kept staring at a drunken lady swigging her drink as she sat alone at a nearby table.

My wife asked, 'Do you know her?'

'Yes,' I sighed, 'She's my old girlfriend. I understand she took to drinking right after we split up those many years ago, and I hear she hasn't been sober since.'

'My God!' says my wife, 'Who would think a person could go on celebrating that long?'

Mind the Buses



More than 17,000 students will return to Trillium Lakelands District School Board schools Tuesday. About 15,000 of them go to school on school buses that travel more than 41,000 kilometers daily on area roads. Verduyn reminds motorists to be especially careful as children and parents become accustomed to the new morning and afternoon routines.

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IN THE LOCKER ROOM

By Terrance Gavan

Hot Times in Halcyon

The Day the Swat Team Came to Council

I used to love covering the Rural Municipality (RM) of Reykjavik council meetings for the Halcyon Packet and Times.

The RM of Reykjavik council offices were located in downtown Halcyon, a lovely little community of 3rd generation Icelanders, Fins and Faroe Islanders, nestled nimbly on the southern edge of Manitoba's Interlake.

Covering Reykjavik council was a treat because, while Reeve Leif Rasmussen and the six councilors took their jobs very seriously, they were all infused with a comprehensive and unilateral laid-back joie de vivre. Reykjavik council was like Forrest Gump's box of chocolates. You never knew what you were going to get. The town of Halcyon was surrounded by four limestone quarries, and Reykjavik was home to a newfound and burgeoning tourist economy, encompassing six upscale lakefront resorts, three golf courses and two 150-home suburban housing developments, all intertwined and meshed midst an entrenched vibrant farming and ranching economy. We were located about 25 minutes from the northwestern periphery of Winnipeg. For a young reporter, back in the eighties, Reykjavik council was a prairie pastiche, a Pandora's pocket peppered with potent possibilities.

I always brought my camera to Reykjavik council, because you just never knew. I forgot my camera once. I slept in and was forced to rush over to the Main Street council offices without my trusty Canon 35 millimeter. I regretted not stopping for my photo accessories as soon as I stepped into the council offices and glanced at the agenda.

There it was, on line 10 of the neatly typed council action sheet: Trondur Balderson, re - Halcyon Golf and Country Club: boundary infractions.

Trondur was known locally as 'Doc' Balderson and we loved the old Doc at the Packet and Times. He was a retired veterinary surgeon, who had made a small fortune on the thoroughbred horse circuit (he was the head vet at Louisville's Churchill Downs and had presided over the Kentucky Derby from 1968 to 1980) in his younger days and had retired to Halcyon in 1981, building a huge homestead on 15 acres right on the 13th fairway of the venerable old Halcyon Golf and Country Club.

The 13th was my favorite hole at the old HG and CC. It was a par five, dog leg left that was reachable in two if you aimed your first shot right at the huge picture window on Doc Balderson's sprawling 8,000-square-foot ranch house, which faced out toward the 13th tee box.

Now Doc wasn't an idiot. When he built the house, the 13th was a par four, 320-yard straight away little pop and pitch. When they added another nine holes to accommodate a new golf-themed housing development, they stretched the 13th and brought most of Doc Balderson's front yard and all of his windows and vehicles into the mix.

I am personally responsible for 12 close calls on the picture window and there was that one-day when I crunched a beautiful drive straight into the front headlight of Doc's brand new Ford Pickup. Like a lot of the errant golfers I fessed up and spotted Doc a cheque for repairs. I know for a fact that Doc had been having a bad run this particular year. He had replaced his picture window three times and had several other windows broken in the course of what had become one of the busiest years the Halcyon course had ever experienced. The Halcyon Golf and Country had offered to put up some protective netting at the apex of the dog leg to stop errant balls, but Doc had put the kybosh on that saying, "I

built this house for the sunsets and I'll be damned if I'll be straining my prairie sky through green-tinted mesh." And so Doc went on replacing windows and sometimes, when he'd had a few drinks, you could see Doc in his yard, with an old-fashioned Thierry La Fronde sling, whipping Titleists and Maxflis back toward the 13th hole tee box. If you hit one out of bounds to the Doc's yard, you'd see ol' Doc Balderson, spinning a leather-bound pouch in huge circles above his head, a latter day David tilting at the niblicked Goliaths. Soon after the twirl, you'd hear a low moaning yowl and a "yippee yay oh Kayay" followed by airborne dimpled sphere screaming in high arc somewhere into the waning light. Doc couldn't hit a barn door from 10 feet with that sling, and it wasn't done out of maliciousness. "I'm only returning fire my bonny boyos!" Doc would scream. "Hoooooeeeeee!" I believe the good Doc liked 12-year-old Scotch and sometimes he'd be slinging away with his Taylor Made mortar rounds in a clan

McDougall kilt. His dad was Faroese-Viking, but his beloved mother was 8th generation Canadian Scots.

So I was pretty darn pleased to have Doc at this meeting, which I thought was going to be just another boring day in chambers.

Doc was early and he was sitting in the front row of the council spectator seats. He had his clan McDougall kilt on and his border collie Tipster in tow. Tipster was sporting a cast on his left front leg. One of his many cats, I believe her name was Tabitha, was in a small portable cage and she had a white bandana bandage on her small calico head. He gave me a nod, and I glanced down to a bag of golf balls at his side. "Oh Crap," I swore under my breath. Of all days

to forget my camera.

Doc waited patiently and when his name was finally called, he got up slowly and addressed reeve Rasmussen, who was also on the board of governors of the HG&CC, personally. "Leif, we have talked about this problem for the last 3 months ... we have to do something about this golf hole. Last Sunday poor little Tabitha was sitting on the porch and having a nap in the sun when out of nowhere comes a number 2 Titleist ... wham bam ... it one-hopped poor Tabbie right in the melon ... she's got a 3rd degree concussion and has developed a sleeping disorder. And now Tipster, last Tuesday morning, he was chasing an errant Maxfli ... you know the Tipster loves to chase golf balls ... and he runs in behind my old Clydesdale Eric The Red who lets fly with a back kick, and breaks ol' Tipster's left leg. Now my poor old Tippy-loo is in a cast. Heaven knows I'm not all that concerned with windows and headlights ... they can be replaced ... but now it's affecting my animals and we need to do something Leif."

"Well, you know, we've suggested the netting," said Reeve Rasmussen, staring somewhat bewildered at the beleaguered pet brigade.

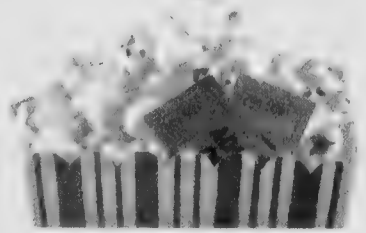
"You know that won't do, Leif, I want that hole fixed," said the Doc, in measured tones.

And then as Reeve Rasmussen and the other councilors looked on, Tipster did something quite odd. Forgetting that he had a cast on his left leg, he stood up, raised his leg to scratch his ear and fell flat on his butt. The councilors, Reeve Rasmussen and people in the gallery all smiled. Doc helped Tipster to his feet, calmly reached into the bag of balls and pulled out the sling. And then he winked at me. "You see, dear council, for the past three years I have been told that I'm exaggerating ... too tense ... taking this all a little too seriously ... well dear members of the Reykjavik council, let me introduce you to a day in my life at the dog leg left, 525 yard, 13th hole at the ol' HG & CC."

And then Doc loaded up the leather pouch with, I believe, a number 3 neon green Srixon and began that now familiar twirl. The sling was a blur as it spun



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The Sad State of Independent Movie Theatres

by George Farrell

"A single screen can't exist anymore." With that simple defining statement Keith Stata, he of the very successful multi-screen movie complex in Kilmount, succinctly sums up the state of independent movie theatres, specifically in Rural Ontario, though the same is true right across English speaking Canada. (Quebec, which has its own star system and is not dependent on Hollywood fare is a different story).

Rural single screen movie houses have been in decline for decades now, and it only serves to reflect the overall scenario as far as movie going in general is concerned. Consider the following statistics, culled from an hour's research on the Internet.

Today, Canadians can access movies a variety of ways. This research measures which approaches and technologies are used and how often they are used throughout the course of an average year. Results show that television is the dominant means of watching movies, either via a conventional or specialty television channel (54% do so at least once per week) or a dedicated movie channel (31%).

Twenty-nine percent of Canadians rent movies at least once per week, followed closely by watching movies from personal collections at 22 percent. While 80 percent "go to the movies" at least once a year, only six

Molou in Haliburton



percent go at least once per week. Twenty percent of Canadians claim to never "go to the movies."

Respondents were asked to explain why they do not attend more movies at the movie theatre. The claim that it is expensive is by far the most dominant reason provided (average price in Ontario is \$8.22). There is also the broader cost of going to a movie theatre which may include expenses related to snacks, parking or transit and babysitting. Secondary reasons given for not attending more movies at the theatre include a basic lack of interest.

Other reasons influencing attendance include a preference for watching movies at home, accessibility, and a dislike of crowds and noise.

Thirty seven percent of North Americans claim to have ordered a movie on a pay-per-view station at one point or another.

The above statistics are from Detailed Results from the Canadian Film Industry on How Often and Where Canadians View Movies. More telling perhaps are some Internet responses from several "turned off" Canadians.

Andy from Regina says:

The big movie theater chains have driven the little independent theater operator right out of business in order to control the market. I find little value for the ridiculous prices they charge for the movie AND a lousy bucket of popcorn! I quit going a long time ago, and have no plans to return. These guy's get exactly what they deserve. They are not worth the expense. Better to wait for a movie to hit the rental store and they do that quite quickly now. The big theaters will eventually fade to black. Their time has come and gone. Home theater is where it's at!

Joe from Halifax had this to say:

Price is less of a factor than decent films. The demise of most if not all independent theatres across the country has seriously lowered the quality of movies we have to choose from. If you want to watch something besides pretty typical mass marketed junk then you basically have to rent, and even that can be done only from a few stores. Oddly enough, places that used to show better films were often cheaper than the teenager packed big name venues to begin with.

Jacqueline from Toronto reports

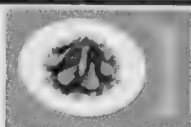
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The Beaver and Molou Examples of a Bygone Era

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Considering how fast the theatrical movies have transferred over to DVD, I'll be more than happy to wait for it than have an unpleasant experience with dirty floors and chatty people around me. Also, if there are more unique and quality films instead of the usual remakes, teen flicks, and "based on the best selling novel" concepts, I will head back to the movie theatre in a heartbeat.

In summation then, and despite the star appeal of events like the Toronto International Film Festival, which paints a rosy picture, traditional movie going is in crisis. There are many determining factors in addition to the above statistics, namely the fractionalization of the market and the greed of studios, distributors, and the large movie chain operators.

Keith Stata illuminates some of the problems. "Studios want a two week commitment from the theatres. If you're running a one screen operation and you get a 'dog' you're dead. Here (in Kinmount) families who come very often split up, and watch different movies. Today people illegally download, and if it's not a 'must see' they'll wait for the DVD. Small theatres are also very often not well maintained. Who wants to go to a lousy theatre with lousy picture and sound quality?" Unfortunately lousy picture and sound quality is what Highlands movie goers have become used to in recent years.

"Plus movie companies penalize you for making too much money," Stata continues. When Lou Consky (the late owner of the Molou and Beaver theatres, in Minden and Haliburton) started up they charged a flat rate, but by the late 70's they were charging a percentage. When movies are at 70% we're making only .50 cents on each ticket. There was no way to make a profit that way, but Lou's theatres were his toy." The inference being that while Lou loved his theatres he wasn't going to pour money into a losing proposition by renovating them. His family have more or less come to the same conclusion. Sadly the Molou is still seeking a life past this Thanksgiving, with the future looking very dim indeed. The Beaver might have a reprieve of sorts, but more on that shortly.

Another reason that movie going is in decline is the advent of the home theatre experience. "For \$5,000" claims Stata, "you can have a great home theatre, without the bull**** of going to a theatre and seeing advertising. I refuse to pay for a ticket to watch that."

But back momentarily to how theatre operators make money. "Our profits are in the concessions," says Stata, in a somewhat revealing statement. "It's that fact that he feels is a hindrance to any single screen cinema renovation project that



Highlands Cinema in Kinmount

plans to show 'art' films or repertory cinema. Repertory cinemas, also known as "revival," "art-house" or "second-run" cinemas, are generally older, single-screen, independently-run movie theatres that provide alternatives to the fare offered by corporate, multi-screen and, more recently, "megaplex" theatres, which predominantly specialize in first-run, blockbuster, Hollywood movies. Many art house or rep' theatres don't have the concessions. Indeed, strength of programming is traditionally what has kept rep' theatres going. These type of theatres can also exist by showing 'circuit' films connected to various festivals like the Toronto International Film Festival (TIFF).

Those Other Movies (TOM), is a successfully run, local organization that until this season showed its TIFF movies at the Molou in Haliburton. Now, with the imminent demise of the Molou TOM has moved to the Northern Lights Performing Arts Centre at the high school. Popcorn and drinks however are not allowed at Northern Lights, so it remains to be seen just how well TOM will do this year, without the full movie house concession experience.

In Minden the Beaver theatre has been purchased by Fionnuala (Ludu) Martin. She and her partners plan on an eventual multi-purpose facility space for the Beaver (yes, they're keeping the name), and plan to have conventions, art shows, and various festival films and live theatre at the venerable old Beaver by the Gull. According to Keith Stata 'they're going to have to spend a pile of money

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Fashion Fallies provides an experience that's outside the norm with a focus on multi-media art. Plans are in the works to include performance art such as music, dance and spoken word as part of the event.

Jim Blake, recipient of the "Arts Council Supporter Honour" for 2008, will be the returning emcee for the night. Blake, who is well-known in the arts community, will be providing some entertaining commentary.

Many mediums of art will be featured in this show including: paper, wire, plastic, recycled materials, leaves, etc. Whatever the medium may be, the outcome is sure to be creative and fashionable.

Artist submission proposals were accepted until the end of August for Fashion Fallies. Some art pieces will even be available for sale where a 25 per cent commission will go to The Art Hive. The Fashion Fallies committee will review the pieces prior to them going on sale.

Prizes will also be distributed to artists in several categories. Current prize categories under consideration include: Eco Award – recycled materials (plastic, cans, etc), Vive le difference – use of non-traditional materials (metal, glass, duct tape), Student Design – youth (under 18), Mother Earth – materials from nature (wood, leather, clay), Off the Wall – most "artrageous", Accessory Item – jewelry, hat, bag, shoe, scarf, People's Choice – voted on by attendees.

Tickets for Fashion Fallies sold out quickly last year with standing room only and the same successful outcome is expected for this year's show.

For further information or to find out how to purchase tickets call The Art Hive at 705 754-0021 or visit www.thearthive.com.



In The Locker Room cont'd...

The Day the Swat Team Came to Council

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round Doc's head. Reeve Rasmussen acted first. "Everyone down! Incoming!" shouted the reeve.

"Yippee Yay Oh Kay Yeahhhhhh!" shouted Doc, as he let the Srixon rip. The first shot was a thing of beauty, popping off the council desk and right into the portrait of Regina Elizabeth. The glass shattered and Queen Liz puckered into an ersatz Picasso portrait. Reeve Rasmussen and the other councilors were hunkered under the long chamber desk as Doc reloaded with a number 1 Top Flite. "Yipeee yay oh kayyay wheeee!" shouted Doc ripping another round and smashing a portrait of the Governor General. It was turning into a great day for anti-monarchists. Tabitha the cat, set up a low moaning yowl, and Tipster was already chasing the bouncing Srixon around the chambers, yapping madly, the plaster cast making a click-a-clicka-click noise on the hardwood floors as he scampered happily after the ricocheting balls.

I knew what I had to do. There were about 15 balls left in the bag, and Tipster was already returning ammunition to the arsenal. Camera! I made a beeline for the front door and set a record sprinting to the Packet and Times offices where I grabbed my camera and wide angle lens. I arrived back at the council offices just in time to greet four RCMP cruisers screeching to a halt near the office steps. Sergeant Mike McGuinty hopped out of his car, wearing a flak jacket and helmet with a shotgun in his hands.

"Whoa, Mac," I said, grabbing his arm. "What's up and why the shotgun?"

"We had a 911 call ... shots fired ... possible hostage situation," said Mac, who was barking orders to the six other officers, all similarly attired and armed. I saw my photo op window slowly melting away, "Wait, Mac! It's only Doc Balderson, in the chambers, wearing a kilt, with a slingshot and a bagful of Maxfli's," I screamed. McGuinty stopped, smiled, and then held up his hand. "Stand down," he said, motioning to the rest of the Mountie response team. "Terry. Are they playing Clue?"

They let me go in first and I got my shot, a wide-angled beaut. The Doc, in full howl, standing on top of the council desk, twirling a fluorescent pink Callaway Pearl #2 high above his head, ignoring Sergeant Mac McGuinty's entreaties to come down, Tipster, head cocked, ears perked and ready to fetch, and Tabitha, out of her cage, bandaged and napping at Doc's feet. I will swear on a stack of bibles that none of it was staged, but I am a lapsed Roman Catholic.

It all ended well. Reeve Rasmussen urged The HG&CC to restructure the 13th back to a par four, Doc Rasmussen paid for a total retrofit of the council chambers, no charges were laid and the Doc, well, he started playing golf. Tipster recovered and Tabitha received therapy for her sleep disorder and now plays fetch with Tipster on the Doc's front yard pitch and putt practice hole.

My picture was picked up by Reuters for world-wide distribution and royalties, and eventually won the Top Spot News Photo award at the annual Canadian Community Newspapers Association (CCNA) awards banquet. The story "Doc Balderson Brandishes Balls in Boundary Bump" won the CCNA Award for best local news piece.

I got a call from Tom Hanks recently. He asked me if it really happened and if there were any other stories emanating from my Halcyon Days. I said, "Get your guy on my guy and we'll talk."

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The wines are being provided by the LCBO and professional presentations will be supplied by R.J. Spagnols.

The following day (Thursday, Sept. 18) the same session will take place at the Haliburton Curling Club from 7 – 9 p.m. Proceeds from that day will go to the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary and tickets are also \$10 each.

Tickets are available at the Haliburton Hospital gift shop on Monday to Friday from 12-3 p.m. Tickets for the Minden wine tasting session are available at The Wine Store in Minden.

For more details contact The Wine Store at 705 286-1642 or send an email to suzanne38@sympatico.ca.

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This event on Saturday, Sept. 20 at __ p.m. will be held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. It is organized as a fundraiser for the Agnes Jamieson Gallery's acquisition efforts. You must be 19 years or older to attend. Entrance is \$20 per person, which is good for six vouchers for food and/or drinks. Tickets are available by calling the gallery at 286 – 3763.



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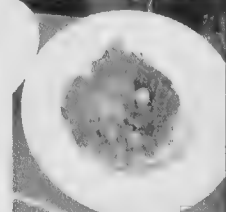


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there. It's not impossible, Mattawa, another movie theatre formerly owned by Lou has managed to turn things around, and I would have loved to save the Beaver (as a movie only theatre), but the new rules and regulations are so stringent that for instance, we could never rebuild this place (Kinmount), and it too will eventually be gone."

When asked about the success of his own theatre, Stata, who started with one screen, says "our theatre defies logic." Anyone who has been to the Kinmount theatre, with its multi screens knows that the logic lies in the fact that Stata is a dedicated movie man, and that as a collector of all things pertaining to movies has made his establishment into a fabulous museum. You go to Kinmount not only to see whatever movie you're there to see, but also to have a movie going experience that you're not likely to find anywhere else in the world. Those are the secrets to his success, and it remains to be seen whether Ludu Martin and the Beaver, and Those Other Movies can give customers enough of an experience to lure them away from their DVDs and home movie theatres, not to mention competing with all the electronic gadgetry which seems to enrapture the very youth who represent the future movie goers in our communities.

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Prime Location in Minden Purchased by BorCap Development

by George Farrell



In case you hadn't noticed there's quite a bit of development taking place around Minden. OK, so we're all waiting with bated, or is that baited breath for the Canadian Tire store, but it's going to happen. Then there's the new library extension. Somewhat hidden, but perhaps the most significant construction, is on Deep Bay Road, where BorCap Development is building 75 new houses on a property called Pine Ridge Estates.

BorCap is owned by business partners Claudio Bortolussi and Gino Capozzoli, and they've also purchased the property at 4 Bobcaygeon Road, which houses the Pro Roof and Gonyea Construction, and until recently Rusty's Auto Service. Rusty's has relocated just south of town on Highway 35, but Claudio Bortolussi says he wasn't forced to move, "but left because he wanted to." 4 Bobcaygeon Road was formerly owned by MMAS Ltd.

Claudio and Gino are so busy with Pine Ridge Estates that they have very little time for anything else right now. In fact it seems that the early June purchase of 4 Bobcaygeon Road was a smart business move which might pay dividends somewhere down the road. "It might take two or three years for something to happen at that location," says Claudio. "We might put in a fast food hamburger joint -- there's nowhere locally to get a fast take-out hamburger."

Hmmm.... fast food, hamburgers. Flying arches come to mind, not to mention Peter Pan's girlfriend. Claudio admits to having had talks with a number of chains, but appears to be in no hurry to do anything right away. "I guess we could put a Wendy's in there tomorrow if we wanted to," he says, "but we're not sure what we want to do yet."

He's already been approached about a possible purchase of the site. Is he willing to listen? "Of course," he says, "everything's always for sale, but right now we're so busy with Pine Ridge that it's right on the back burner, and the two businesses remaining there don't have to worry about moving any time soon. "In fact, we're thinking we could put some temporary small sandwich or burger place in (where Rusty's was located), but as I say, we're too busy right now to give it much thought.

"You know," Claudio continues, "the property really needs to be raised to the highway level. It's sitting in a bit of a gully. We've had our topographical elevation guys looking at it, and eventually the buildings will have to be torn down, and then the ground will have to be raised to the highway level."

Claudio and Gino would both like to see more development for Minden. "That's one of the reasons we bought the property when we did. After developments like Canadian Tire go in property prices tend to rise." So for the time being status quo, but keep your eyes peeled for something significant to happen at 4 Bobcaygeon Road at Highway 35, because it's a great location, and a natural for some sort of fast food outlet.

Those people who really don't want to see development come to Minden and

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would prefer to see things remain as they are, should talk to some of the downtown merchants, many of whom are suffering through a very bad year financially. If more people can be enticed to stop at a highway entrance to Minden for a quick bite, they can be enticed to go downtown, and discover some of the shops that they now are passing by. Plus, says Claudio "more development generates increased tax dollars which is good for the township."



Pictured: BorCap Partners Claudio Bortolussi left, Gino Capozzoli right, flank associate Gustavo Rojas

Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Fundraiser Bridal & Fashion Show

Everyone is welcome to come see the latest in Bridal and Fashion during the upcoming Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary Fundraising Bridal and Fashion Show on Sunday Oct. 5 at 1:30 at the Wigamog Inn.

The show is sponsored by Country Pickin's Gifts and Fashions, Wind in the Willow, & Wigamog Inn. Tickets are \$20.00 per person and are available at Country Pickin's or call Joan Stinson at 457-3919

There will be desserts, coffee and tea available at the show and as well there will be door prizes galore.

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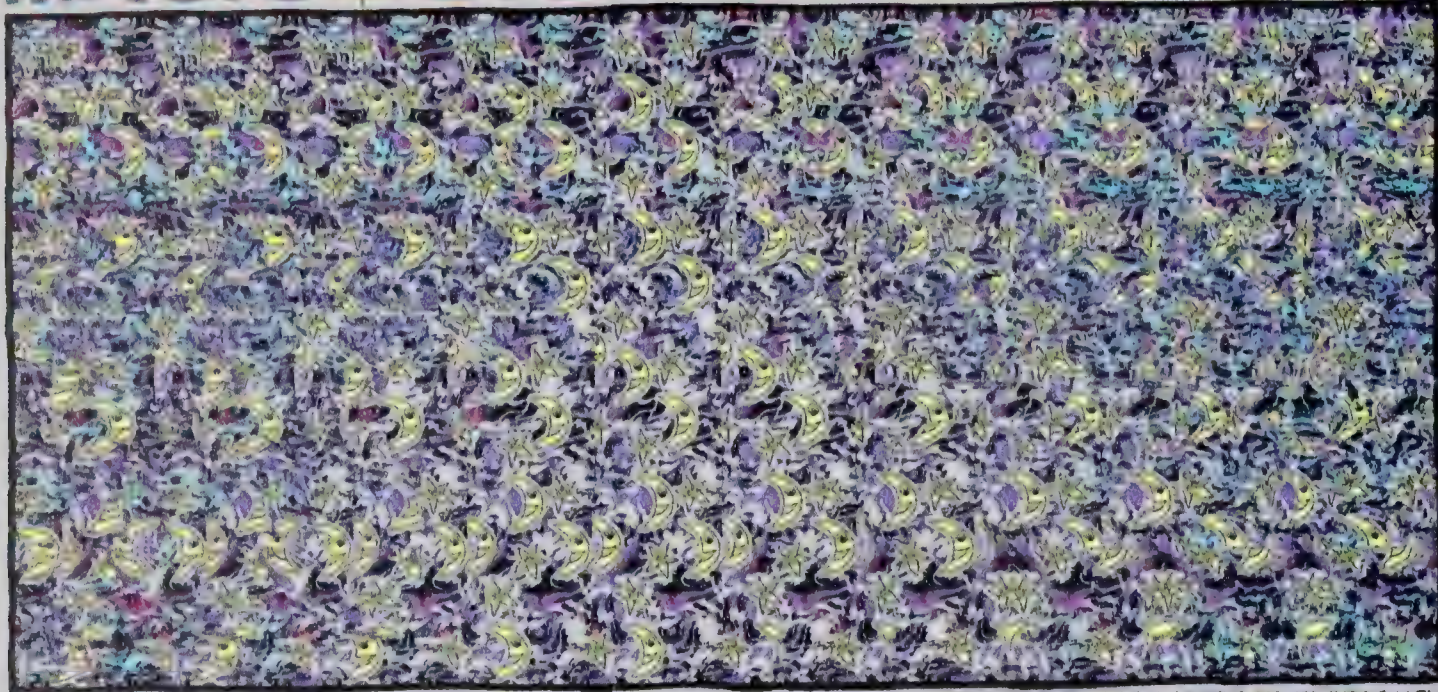
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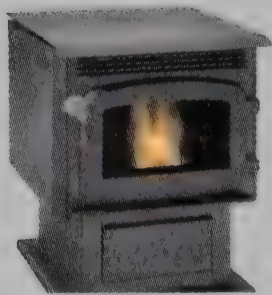
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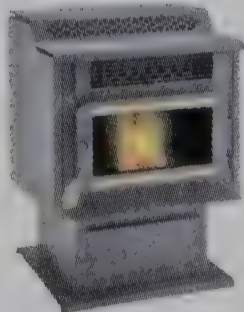
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Marcy's Has Moved!

More Space and More Services at Local Haliburton Spa

By Mark Arike

A day spa is a business establishment where the focus is on health, wellness and self-confidence. Not only can a visit to one of these places make you look better, but it can make you feel better too. Marcy's Day Spa is one of these businesses and they're located right in the Village of Haliburton.

It was back in November of 2006 when owner Marcy Wilkins first decided to open up the beauty tailored establishment out of her home on George St. (also in Haliburton). With the quick growth of the business over the last couple of years, a need for more space quickly became apparent. No longer would Marcy's home be the ideal location for operating a full-service spa.

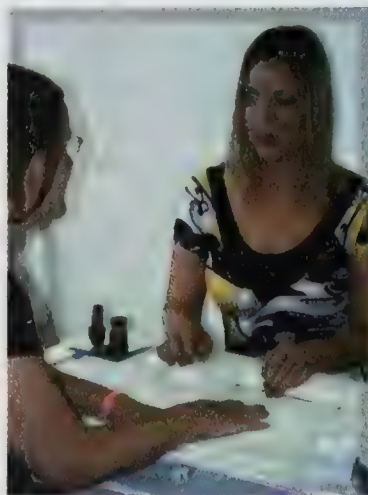
"I decided to move in July because I wanted more exposure, more space and a more state-of-the-art atmosphere," explains Marcy.

Marcy has been a permanent resident of the Highlands for the past eight years. Previously residing in Whitby, she explains what led her to come to the Village.

"My grandma, Doris McCann was born in Minden. She started Community Care in Haliburton County. So I've been up here cottaging since I was about two days old," recalls Marcy. "I always wanted to move to Haliburton."

After making her way to Haliburton, Wilkins quickly became a part of the community.

"I worked at various businesses like Curves and the Wigamog Inn," she says,



while adding that she feels fortunate to be in an area where the lush outdoors are part of the place she calls home. "I don't like the city, concrete is no good."

So when and why did Marcy decide to go into this particular industry?

"When I was 19, I decided that I wanted to do this. I've just always been interested in beauty; health care and making people feel good."

When she first opened up shop two years ago from her home, it all began as a one-person operation. Shortly after, her first employee, Nicky Parish came to her aid. Now, including the two of them, six people are employed at the spa.

When clients first walk in to Marcy's (in the lower level of the building at 235 Highland St., opposite the LCBO), they are greeted by an open-concept area with displays of numerous beauty products. A reception area is directly to your left and a comfortable couch is at the back of the room for those who might be waiting for someone or would just like to take a seat. A pleasantly lit hallway leads you to the

rooms where all the magic happens.

Marcy says that the efforts of many over the last couple of months have enabled her to open up such an excellent new location. Without them, she says, none of it would have been possible.

"I want to thank my close personal friends and family for putting it all together.

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Local Haliburton Spa Growing with Demand

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I'd also like to thank my current clients for their support, care, love and advice."

Through the moving transition and the two months of renovations, she has faced a few challenges along the way.

"Keeping clients served properly was tough. We kept serving them that out of the old location. These renovations were huge!"

Since opening the new location on Wednesday, Sept. 3, Marci says that many people have been stopping by. They've also been offering their comments on the new trendy spot.

"They loved it! They thought it was just gorgeous and very nice and glamorous."

Not only are there big differences aesthetically between the old and new spots, but the list of services has considerably grown as well.

"We're offering more now. We can do large spa parties, home visits and weddings. We can travel for any occasion," says Marci.

When groups come in for a spa party, the shop is closed and their needs are tended to.

"When these clients come in we'll serve them healthy snacks, desserts and beverages while they are getting serviced. They get into their robes and slippers and get comfortable." Spa packages do require 48-hours notice and all other services require 24-hours notice for cancellation.

Marci's Day Spa also provides several skin treatments. For example; one of these services includes what is known as a Microdermabrasion. This is a process where dead skin is partially or completely removed by light abrasion to remove sun-damaged skin and to remove or lessen scars and dark spots on the skin.

The list of services at Marci's is lengthy and looks after many parts of the body including: hands and feet, nails, body hair and skin. Ear piercing, Henna art and fake eyelashes are also some of the additional services that this business offers.

Nothing but clean and professional service is what you should come to expect when coming to Marci's. Marci herself is a graduate of the advanced aesthetics program at the Canadian Aesthetic Academy in Toronto. To this date, she still takes courses and her employees also all have the necessary training and/or education to do their job properly and to the highest of standards.

"We're all fully trained," she stresses. "We're more than qualified. At this spa you need to be to work here. All the girls are fully certified and we go to school at reputable places that keep us up to date on our skills."

At Marci's, the necessary health regulations are also always met.

"We keep up-to-date with the health board regulations," says Marci. "That way there isn't any transferring of health problems between the client and aesthetician."

As part of their "grand-opening", Marci's will offer several discounts starting Saturday, Sept. 13 until Wednesday, Oct. 1 like 20 per cent off services and 10 per cent off professional spa products. As well, one service per person will be provided free-of-charge including: toe or fingernail polish, facial threading/waxing, nail art and a foot or hand massage with hot boots or mitts.

Also for the first two weeks, a 15 percent discount will be offered on relaxation massage treatments provided by Shawn Arscott. These massages combine

Swedish and Lomi Lomi (Hawaiian) techniques.

Both Marci and her staff are looking forward to the future and are especially anxious about looking after current and new client needs.

"Everybody is really excited and we're looking forward to meeting new people and helping them with any aesthetic needs or concerns they might have," she says.

If you have any questions at all regarding health or beauty, feel free to call Marci's at 705 457-4603 or drop-in to the spa. The knowledgeable staff are more than willing to talk to you about all of their procedures and services.

Men and women are both welcome and you can even bring in the kids for their own beauty treatments. Appointments and walk-ins are both

accepted.

Marci's Day Spa hours of operation are: Monday - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Tuesday - 12 p.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday - 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Thursday - 12 p.m.-7 p.m., Friday - 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Saturday - 10 a.m.-4 p.m., and Sundays are available by request only. Twilight appointments are also available.



Ontario Early Years Events

Cardiff Fit Kids starts Mon. Sept. 15 from 5:00 pm. to 6:30 pm. This physical activity program for children 2 to 6 yrs. runs at the Cardiff Community Centre and includes a free light supper. For more information or to register please phone Brenda at 705-286-4625, Heather at 339-2333 or email oeyparented@bellnet.ca. This program is offered in partnership between Ontario Early Years and Cardiff Community Association.

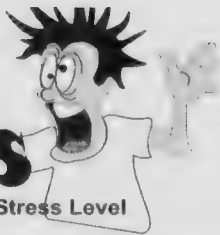
Ontario Early Years Play and Learn at the Lloyd Watson Community Centre in Wilberforce on Sept. 18 & Oct. 2 from 9:30 am - 12:00 pm This year we will be bringing the program to Wilberforce on the first and third Thursday of each month. For families with children 0 to 6 years. Activities, crafts, music circles, guest speakers, nutritional snack and more! We are always looking for new friends to join us, so if you know someone new to the community who has not been out before please tell them about us or bring them with you! For more information phone Julie at 705-286-1770 or leave a message at 457-2989.

Highlands Parent-Child Mother Goose comes to the Minden Cultural Centre starting Tues. Sept. 23. For parents with children 0-2.5 years. A 10 week program to learn rhymes, songs and stories together in a relaxed environment. Please register at 286-4625 or Point in Time at 457-5345. This program is offered in partnership between Ontario Early Years and Point in Time Centre for Children, Youth and Parents.

Fit Kids Minden starts Friday Sept. 26 at the Minden Community Centre from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. For parents & children 2-6 years. Enjoy physical activity that is sure to energize you and your child! To register please phone 286-4625 or oeyparented@bellnet.ca. This program is offered in partnership between the Township of Minden Hills and Ontario Early Years.

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Catalogue Store in Minden to thank all those that are big brothers, big sisters or are in-school mentors

There are many opportunities to get involved with mentoring through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-

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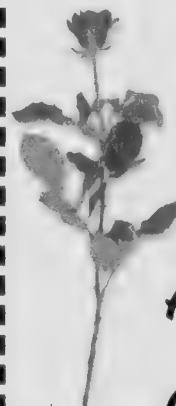
For example, a relationship with a positive adult role model assists children in reaching their full potential through increased self-esteem and confidence, while providing a rewarding experience to the adult in the relationship.

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Make a Difference in Your Community

Hospice Training Will Let You Touch the Lives of Others in Time's of Need

By Mark Arike



For a person diagnosed with a life altering illness, the news is enough to put them and their loved ones into what can be a very stressful situation. For those people in Haliburton County who face a terminal illness or are trying to cope with Alzheimer's Disease, there

is support available.

Though family and friends do what they can for a loved one during a crucial time of need, help from an outsider can prove to be beneficial for all parties involved in one of these situations. That's why SIRCH Community Services & Consulting is offering a volunteer community hospice training course for those who want to make a difference and touch lives.

Haliburton resident Sue Reimer took the training course a year ago. She says that the program has great educational value to it and that it's extremely rewarding.

"It's been an amazing experience. I've had several hospice clients that I go out and visit. Its great support for the family and client when they know that someone else is there to hold their hand and be there for them," says Reimer.

The comprehensive training provided by SIRCH in this program allows the trainee to develop a greater understanding of how to be helpful during difficult life situations. The course includes 45 hours of training on a variety of topics including: active listening skills, attitudes and values, how to communicate with someone who is dying or has dementia, understanding the grieving process and impact on family. In the process, you'll also shadow a current hospice volunteer.

As a volunteer, Reimer dedicates about two or three hours in a week on average to spend time with clients.

"It's good if more people do this. I've gotten some really nice notes from some of the families of those who have passed," says Reimer. "It's so nice to know that you can give to others this way. It helps the community and makes it a special place."

Once volunteers have completed their training and they go on to working with clients, meetings are held once every two months where two-hours of time is dedicated towards an educational component as well a discussion period. During the discussion period, volunteers are able to share information about their experiences with clients amongst each other and they also share helpful hints on how to handle certain situations from scenarios they've actually been in.

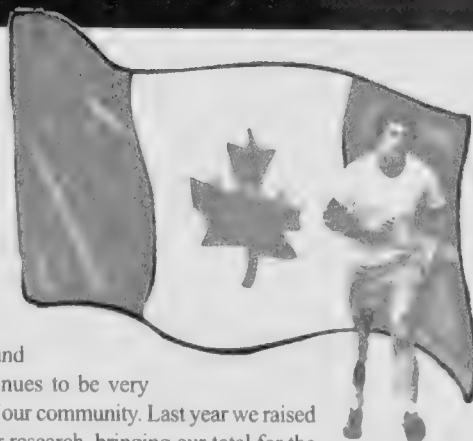
So consider taking part in this life-changing program. You'll get to meet some other great volunteers along the way and you'll make a positive impact in the lives of many.

The course starts on Wednesday, Sept. 24 and comes at a cost of only \$50. This price includes all of the necessary course materials. To register or to get more information, contact Marilyn Rydberg, Training Facilitator, SIRCH Community Services & Consulting at 705 457-1742 at ext. 42 or email at info@sirch.on.ca.

Terry Fox Run Taking Place on September 14

It was 19 summers ago that a young man from British Columbia captivated Toronto with his determination to find a cure for cancer.

On Sunday, Sept. 14 The Terry Fox Run for cancer research returns to the towns of Haliburton and Minden. This event continues to be very important to the citizens of our community. Last year we raised over \$11,700.00 for cancer research, bringing our total for the community to over \$96,024 since 1983. This year's Terry Fox Run will start and finish at the Town Dock, Haliburton. Start at 10:00 a.m. with the group or take a leisure walk or run anytime from 10:00 a.m. until noon. Since Terry's Marathon of Hope in 1980, The Terry Fox Foundation has raised over \$400 million for cancer research.



About Terry Fox

Terry Fox was born in Winnipeg, Manitoba, and raised in Port Coquitlam, British Columbia, a community near Vancouver on Canada's west coast. An active teenager involved in many sports, Terry was only 18 years old when he was diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma (bone cancer) and forced to have his right leg amputated 15 centimetres (six inches) above the knee in 1977.

While in hospital, Terry was so overcome by the suffering of other cancer patients, many of them young children, that he decided to run across Canada to raise money for cancer research.

He would call his journey the Marathon of Hope.

After 18 months and running over 5,000 kilometres (3,107 miles) to prepare, Terry started his run in St. John's, Newfoundland on April 12, 1980 with little fanfare.

Although it was difficult to garner attention in the beginning, enthusiasm soon grew, and the money collected along his route began to mount. He ran 42 kilometres (26 miles) a day through Canada's Atlantic provinces, Quebec and Ontario. It was a journey that Canadians never forgot.

However, on September 1st, after 143 days and 5,373 kilometres (3,339 miles), Terry was forced to stop running outside of Thunder Bay, Ontario because cancer had appeared in his lungs. An entire nation was stunned and saddened. Terry passed away on June 28, 1981 at age 22.

The heroic Canadian was gone, but his legacy was just beginning. To date, more than \$400 million has been raised worldwide for cancer research in Terry's name through the annual Terry Fox Run, held across Canada and around the world.

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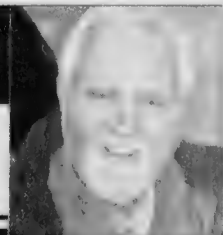
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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

Baby-faced Beast...

The 20-year-old was sent away for another of his many short stints in prison. In March 1977, he was paroled after serving only 20 months. A month after his release, Steve robbed a woman and spent another year in prison.

On April 28, 1979, two men searching for wild mushrooms along White Lick Creek outside Indianapolis, Ind., stumbled across several articles of women's clothing near the bank of the creek.

As they followed the trail of clothing, they came upon the nude body of a woman. Her legs rested on the creek bank, while the rest of her body was submerged.

Within minutes, the area was swarming with state troopers, who went about securing the crime scene. Det. Sgt. Jerry Conner interviewed the two men who had found the body and then proceeded to walk downstream from the location where the body had been discovered.

Later, he would say he was looking for any other clothing belonging to the dead woman. What he found was far different. Conner took about 100 paces when he came across the body of a little girl tangled in the weeds in the creek.

Officials were still absorbing this horrendous discovery when detectives, who had continued to walk downstream, came across another child's body. The small boy had washed up on a sandy outcropping. Police scanned the area. Unbelievably, from where they stood beside the little boy's body, they were able to see the body of yet another child. What monster had snuffed out the lives of four individuals and what reason could anyone have for killing three children, all under six years of age?

A preliminary examination of the bodies revealed that the woman had been raped and strangled. The children had no marks of violence on their bodies. All three had drowned in the swirling waters of White Lick Creek.

From a bankbook found at the scene, the woman was identified as Terry Chasteen. The three little victims were her children. Terry regularly drove her children to a babysitter's before continuing on to work at a local grocery store. She hadn't shown up for work that day.

Terry had a boyfriend who was genuinely shocked to learn of her death.

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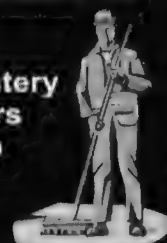
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He co-operated fully with investigating officers and it was he who was asked to officially identify the bodies. On the way to the mortuary, he shouted out to accompanying police,

"That's Terry's car!" By blind luck, the victim's distinctive bright red vehicle had been found.

Terry's boyfriend later identified her body and those of her three children, Misty Ann, 5; Stephen Michael, 4; and Mark Lewis, 2. Terry was only 22 years old at the time of her death and was divorced from the children's father, who was in the U.S. Navy.

Police solicited the public's assistance. They asked anyone who had been near Hwy. 67 and White Lick Creek that morning to contact police. Scores of calls were received. One caller reported he and his young son had driven across the bridge over White Lick Creek before 8 a.m. They had noticed a distinctively painted red and silver pickup truck parked down an access road.

Police put out a bulletin to adjoining states describing the conspicuous vehicle. But it wasn't necessary. Once again, by coincidence, the truck was located. The same man who had spotted the red and silver pickup called police the day after the murder. His young son had seen the vehicle parked near a neighbourhood construction site.

Police quickly learned the truck belonged to Steve Judy, who was well known to Indianapolis police.

Steve was taken into custody and questioned. It had taken less than 36 hours to home in on their chief suspect.

Initially, Steve, on the advice of his lawyer, wouldn't talk about the crime. Authorities went about building a case against the vicious young criminal. Tests proved that Steve's blood type was compatible with semen stains found on Terry's clothing.

Threads taken from Steve's clothing matched threads from Terry's blouse. Casts of tire tracks lifted from the murder scene were the same as the tire tracks of Steve's pickup truck.

Steve Judy testified toward the end of his trial. From the witness stand he related how he stopped Terry Chasteen. It was simple. He pointed to her tire, indicating that she was having a flat. When she stopped, he pulled up and offered assistance. At the same time, he offered to look under the hood of her car. That's when he ripped out the ignition coil. When the car wouldn't start, he offered to give Terry and her children a lift.

They travelled a short while before Steve pulled off the road and parked near White Lick Creek. In an obvious attempt to save her children, Terry didn't

resist. She was forced to walk down to the creek. Steve told the children to go downstream and play.

He then commanded Terry to remove her clothing. She complied in silence and was raped. Suddenly, she screamed hysterically. Steve ripped away a piece of her clothing and stuffed it in her mouth before strangling his helpless victim.

The children ran toward their mother's screams. One by one, Steve picked them up and threw them in the creek, where they drowned. Steve Judy begged the court to execute him.

Sitting in the courtroom was a woman who would later testify against the accused man. The witness had no index finger on her left hand. She was the woman who had survived the vicious attack on her life nine years earlier.

On March 8, 1981, Steve Judy's wish was granted. He was executed in Indiana's electric chair.



Pictured: Steve Judy's wish was granted when the killer was executed in Indiana's electric chair.



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Rusty's Auto Service...

Relocation for Landmark Business

by George Farrell

Rusty's Auto Service had been located at the corner of Highway 35 and Bobcaygeon Road for 29 years, and was originally part of Minden Shell. Proprietor Russ Paul has had able assistance in the office and on the telephone from Sharon Martin for virtually all of that time, but now Russ and Sharon find themselves at a new spot, just south of Minden.

Many people assume that Rusty is a nickname for Russ, and in fact many people refer to Russ as Rusty, while in fact, "Rusty's was named after our blonde Benji-type dog that loved to hang around the garage," says Sharon. There always seems to be a dog at the garage. After Rusty came Norm, who only lived a short while, and now it's Kumho, a big black beautiful Newfoundland. "We call him our Walmart greeter," Sharon chuckles, "as he always likes to go and greet people as they come in."

Kumho seems to have adjusted well to the move to the new digs. He greets people with a friendly wag of the tale and still manages to plop himself down and stretch himself out to his full length in the most inconvenient location. But Kumho is part of the charm of Rusty's and he'd be missed by regulars, if he wasn't there.

Services

Rusty's is known throughout the region for complete and dependable service to automobiles. They do alignments, brakes, motors, transmissions, air conditioning, tires and welding amongst other things. Russ has his interprovincial mechanics licence, a licence to work on heavy equipment, and an ozone licence which enables him to work on air conditioning. Russ is assisted by Jeff Sexsmith, a licenced apprentice, and tire and lube technician Mike Scully. The two look right at home working on vehicles which occupy the four bays of the big, bright new location.

"The biggest change in the business has been from points and condensers to electronics, and the new and improved electronic systems," says Russ. Such changes mean that he's had to continually stay up to date with technology, and he's put in a total "of about four years worth" of refresher courses in order to do just that.



Rusty's, in addition to being able to fix whatever ails your auto, is also the Minden Bell Mobility agent, and you can go there to get the latest in Bell cell phones and accessories. As if that wasn't enough Rusty's is an agent for Van and Truck World accessories as well.

The New Location

"We've moved a bit south, just down the highway, right next to Acorn Furniture, Russ reveals. We're in the front part of Doug Colbourne's Boat Storage facility. Doug's business still occupies the back part of the building, plus he has the big yard."

Rusty's move was prompted by a takeover of the former location, and "we needed to move to allow Minden to expand," Russ says diplomatically. The move might have been a blessing in disguise, as according to Sharon "this is a nice clean and dry building, and

we're experiencing an upturn in new customers, as well as continuing to service our long-standing clients. We'll miss some of the people who would come in for a 'quick fix' while they went for a coffee at Dixie Lee, but we're very fortunate in having understanding customers. We've always driven people home when we could, if their car was being fixed, and we may be doing a bit more of that now."

Dependable service, a friendly dog, and a ride home. Sounds like a recipe for continued success. Rusty's Auto Service is now located at 1142 Highway 35 south (next to Acorn Furniture). Russ Paul and Sharon Martin can be reached at (705)

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Top - Russ Paul outside the shop.
Middle - the shop inside
Bottom - Sharon Martin and Kumho; Russ Paul*

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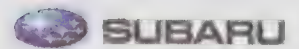
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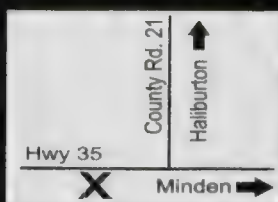
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The British Empire Motorcycle Club will present the 55th Annual Corduroy Enduro which is the part of the Canadian Enduro Championship Series. The Corduroy Enduro is an off-road motorcycle event featuring over 100 competitors from Ontario, Quebec and the US. This is a two-day event where competitors travel approximately 150km each day through challenging, rugged terrain with "special test" sections.

With Blair Sharpless heading up a team of very experienced and dedicated Enduro organizers, this event is well on its way to reviving its past glories. Blair and his am ll build on the successes of last year's event to bring you a Corduroy Enduro that you will talk about for years.

This is Haliburton County's longest running motorcycle event dating back to 1953, and is guaranteed to be fun for the whole family to attend. Not to mention – admission is FREE!

Racing takes place Saturday and Sunday with a spectator bus available to take you to some of the best viewing spots. The bus leaves from the Gooderham Community Centre at 9 a.m. each day.

Spectators are also welcome to drive themselves to viewing area locations that can be found by visiting www.corduroyenduro.ca. On Saturday night, competitors and spectators will gather in Gooderham for evening festivities including a beer tent and tire changing contest where competitors change a rear tire in less than 3 minutes!!

For more information call Jennifer Button at 705 447-3110 or send an email to info@oftr.ca.



This year's event will include:

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All the adult banners displayed on poles throughout the village during the summer are being offered for sale in a silent auction. The bid book with photos of the banners is now available for viewing at The Storeroom in Minden.

"The banners proved to be very popular items last year, with some attracting a steady stream of bidding" one of the organizers, Jack Brezina, said. "Bidders were interested in the banners for display at their homes and cottages, as gifts to friends or because of the unique nature of the work." The banners are over six feet tall and close to three feet wide.

Head of the Festival of banners, Deborah Lyons explained that the proceeds from the auction will be used to help fund next year's Minden Hills Festival of Banners. "We hope to add 20 new banner locations for next season, which means even more local art can be displayed on the poles in Minden."

The banners up for sale were created earlier this year by 40 artists following a juried selection. They have been on display throughout the community all summer. The artists were aware that their work would be offered for sale at the end of the season. Students at Archie Stouffer created 27 smaller banners. These will be returned to the students at an assembly in early December.

The bidding on the other banners continues during business hours until 5 p.m. on Monday, December 1. The banners will be removed from the poles after Thanksgiving and will be on display at the former Times building next to The Storeroom. The banners are being offered for sale on an "as is" basis.

Vote for your favourite

Prizes for the favourite banners of the year will be awarded after a vote by the public. There is a little more than a month left to vote for the top three in each category. Prizes will be awarded to the top three adult and children's banners. Brochures with a ballot are available from The Storeroom in Minden. Voting ends on October 13.

"We are starting to take applications for next year's banner competition. Anyone interested can pick one up and start working on their design," Lyons said. The theme of the 2009 Festival of Banners is '150 years of Minden Memories' to coincide with the community's sesquicentennial celebrations. Those interested in participating must submit a maquette (miniature) of their work for judging. Entry packages, with all the rules and details are also available at The Storeroom. The deadline for submissions is February 14, 2009.

The Minden Hills Festival of Banners is an independent committee working with the Municipality, HCDC, Ontario Hydro, the downtown merchants, the Riverwalk Committee and numerous sponsors to create a more colourful community.



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All proceeds from the walk will be donated to the Lions Foundation of Canada located in Oakville Ontario. This is the centre where recipients are partnered with their new Guide Dog and where extensive training takes place. The Lions Foundation of Canada also runs a centre in Breslau Ontario where dogs are bred for the program. Currently a campaign is being run to double the capacity of that facility. Once weaned, puppies are sent to "foster families" who raise the pups and help to socialize them. Wearing a vest saying, "Dog Guide in Training", the puppies go everywhere with their "owners". After a year, the puppies return to the Foundation where they are teamed with a client and go through extensive training/bonding for up to 26 weeks.

Guide Dogs fall into several categories: Canine Vision Canada Dog Guides for the visually impaired; Special Skills Dogs of Canada for those with physical disabilities; Hearing ear Dogs of Canada for the deaf or hard of hearing.

Relatively new to the program are dogs which assist people who are prone to severe epileptic seizures.

People are encouraged to come with their dogs and participate in this first Purina Walk for Guide Dogs in Haliburton. All dogs must be leashed and preferably not on the retractable kind. A standard leash will be included in the goody bag we are preparing for participants. And, of course, we ask that you clean up any deposits you pet chooses to leave along the route.

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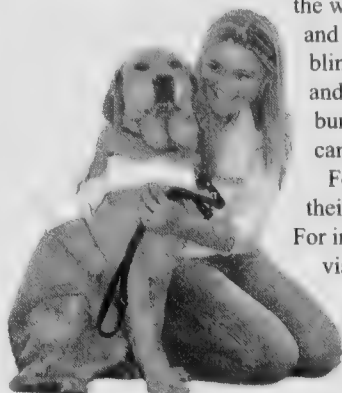
the world over have raised millions of dollars and are committed to eradicating preventable blindness and providing funds for research and assistance to those in need. Your Haliburton Lions are proud to play a part in this campaign.

For more information on this program visit their website: www.dogguides.com

For information on Lions Clubs International, visit their website: www.lionsclubs.org

For more details on our Purina Walk for Guide Dogs, call Lion Mary Lawr at 705-448-1128.

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with Susan Lee

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In this article I will refer to insurance providers outside of the lenders as independent insurance providers because they are not connected to the mortgage in any way.

What I mean by being connected to the mortgage is that with the lenders insurance money when a claim has been filed is applied directly to your mortgage to pay it off, but with independent coverage the insurance is paid out to the beneficiary to use the proceeds any way they want. Paying off the mortgage is not always best for the family. Another thing, while the monthly premium stays the same the lenders mortgage insurance is on a declining basis. For example, the coverage on your mortgage is originally 100,000.00, when the claim is put in the remaining balance on your mortgage is 50,000, the funds received by the lenders mortgage insurance would only be 50,000 not the original 100,00.00. With an independent insurance provider you can get insurance that would provide the full 100,000.00.

These days everybody likes to shop around for the best interest rates. With mortgage life insurance through the lenders, it makes it harder to move your mortgage because the cost (premium) of life insurance of any kind is based on the amount of coverage, your age and health at the time you apply for it, and if your thinking on going to a different lender your premium (if you qualify) will be higher due to your age and health at that time. I have seen clients leave their mortgage with lender A because the cost of the lender B's insurance would be too expensive because of the clients age or health had made them uninsurable. With independent insurance your premium is based on the original age and health at the time you applied for and because it is not connected to the mortgage you are free to move your mortgage around and shop for the best interest rate over the life of the mortgage. Over 25 or 35 years this can provide a significant interest savings.

Independent insurance providers have many additional features than those provided by a lender. We are all individual and so are insurance needs. Independent insurance can provide insurance coverage for more than just one financial goal like a mortgage. A very simple example is an insurance policy for 100,000.00 now to cover current debts but later in life when the mortgage has been paid off the insurance is still there and can become part of the assets of an estate.

I have my Ontario Life Insurance License which allows me not only to provide investment products such as segregated funds, I can also review and advise on life insurance products. Please keep in mind that this article has covered only general ideas and that all lenders have their own unique products and features. Some now offer disability insurance and critical illness insurance along with the life insurance. For more information please give me a call.

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It's the Law

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In Milwaukee, Wisconsin, it was once against the law to leave a car parked on the street unless it was hitched to a horse!

An old law in Great Britain made it illegal for anyone to drive a car from the back seat!

In 1807, Czar Alexander I of Russia considered long trousers on men to be subversive! He ordered his troops to stop all carriages, and any man found wearing trousers had his legs cut off at the knee!

In Brewton, Alabama, it's against the law to ride down the street in a motorboat!

A law in Kansas made it illegal to eat rattlesnake meat on Sundays!

Trivia Test

1. ANIMAL KINGDOM: What is a baby oyster called?
2. HISTORY: Which planet did William Herschel discover in 1781?
3. ENTERTAINERS: What was Stevie Wonder's birth name?
4. GAMES: What is a "dead man's hand" in poker?
5. FAMOUS QUOTATIONS: Who once said, "There is a time in every man's education when he arrives at the conviction that envy is ignorance; that imitation is suicide"?
6. COMICS: What is the emblem on Wonder Woman's tiara?
7. ADVERTISEMENTS: Which brew labeled itself as the "champagne" of bottled beer?
8. TELEVISION: What was the name of the youngest daughter on "The Cosby Show"?
9. MOVIES: In the Austin Powers movie series, who plays the role of Frau Farbissina?
10. SCIENCE: What part of the atmosphere is the closest to the Earth's surface?

Answers

1. A spat
2. Uranus
3. Steveland Hardaway Judkins
4. Pairs of black aces and eights
5. Ralph Waldo Emerson
6. A red star
7. Miller
8. Rudy
9. Mindy Sterling
10. The troposphere

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Lange on the Law

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Tax Investigators

The federal *Tax Act* gives the Canada Revenue Agency ("CRA") broad powers to inspect, audit, and examine a taxpayer's records without a court order. An issue about the extent of the powers of tax investigators came before the Supreme Court of Canada recently relating to unnamed taxpayers. The case involved a CRA investigation into a registered charity affiliated with a private school in southern Ontario. The charity operated a forgivable loan programme as a means of financing the school and its facilities. In its investigation, the CRA expressed concern that the charitable contributions to the loan programme may not have been real charitable donations but rather made by the parents of students attending the school on the understanding that the money would be used to finance the education of their children in lieu of tuition.

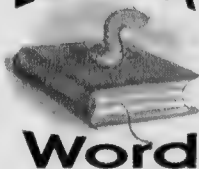
The CRA decided that it needed more information to determine the charitable donations it was investigating. As a result, the CRA requested documents from the charity that recorded the identity of each donor and the name of the student who was to receive credit for the donation. The CRA then intended to enquire further of the donors whether tuition had actually been paid over and above the charitable donation. The charity refused to provide the documents arguing that the CRA first needed a court order.

The Supreme Court was divided in its decision, four judges to three. The majority held that the CRA was entitled to the requested information without first having to obtain a court order. It rejected an argument that one of the purposes of the CRA request was, in fact, to reassess the tax returns of donors. The court noted that taxpayers have a low expectation of privacy in their tax records when it relates to tax liability.

Is the decision right based on the close split? As one respected judge said years ago, the Supreme Court of Canada is not right because it is the Supreme Court. It is right because its decisions are the final decisions in the judicial system.

In the next column, I will be talking about insurance for tradesmen and professionals.

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Word

Immure

vi-'myur\ v la: to enclose within or as if within walls ***b:** to imprison **2:** to build into a wall; *especially:* to entomb in a wall.

The prince in the fairy tale visits Rapunzel, who is *immured* in a tower with no doors or stairs, by climbing up her long braids of hair.

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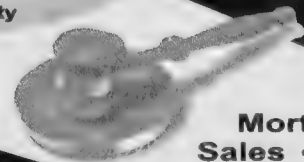
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Answers

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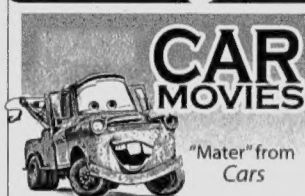
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Differences: 1. Man's sweater is black. 2. Plant is missing. 3. Picture is missing. 4. Boy is taller. 5. Earring is missing. 6. Boy's right arm is hidden.

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top ten



"Mater" from Cars

1. American Graffiti (1973)
2. The Blues Brothers (1980)
3. Cars (2006)
4. The Fast and the Furious (2001)
5. Gone in Sixty Seconds (1974)
6. Grand Prix (1966)
7. The Gumball Rally (1976)
8. Mad Max (1979)
9. Thunder Road (1958)
10. Vanishing Point (1971)

Source: Edmunds.com

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For a cool feeling on a warm night, try sprinkling a little talcum powder between the sheets.

"If you need to transfer a particularly messy liquid into a container and are using a funnel, you might want to try making a liner. Just snip the corner of a garbage bag to fit in your funnel, and fold the edges over the top. Use it and then lose the liner. I do this with motor oil, since it keeps my funnel cleaner."

"For the past few months, I have used a lovely smelling candle as a pincushion. I have found that the more "smell" it has, the softer the wax. They are easy and pretty to use, and the wax seems to help the pins go in more smoothly."

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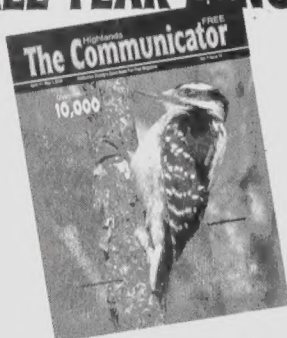
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Ontario's first point to point Mountain Bike event will be making its way straight through Haliburton County on Saturday, Sept. 20!

The demand for multi-day, point to point biking events is at an all-time high, according to cranktheshield.com. Some of the largest biking events to date include the Trans-Alps and Trans-Rockies. Their popularity, in fact, forces many participants to be put on a waiting list. These events tend to start and finish in remote locations, away from heavy populations and often require several weeks between getting there and back, and the riding itself. Riders must then take significant time off work, fly to and from the event, and spend considerable money in the process.

Feeding off the demand for a more affordable event with good proximity to the GTA, Chico Racing is offering a 3-day event through Ontario's northern country.

Crank the Shield offers a unique experience to riders of Ontario, while also offering a less time consuming alternative, or companion event, to the longer stage races available. Top level elite competitors should expect to finish the stages in approximately 4-5 hours with more intermediate-level participants riding about 6-7 hours per stage. 292 riders from Canada and the United States are enrolled in the race. Though registration for the ride is now closed, spectators are encouraged to come and cheer on riders during their excursion!

Riders will be staying at Camp Kandalore and Camp White Pine. The three 80-100 km stages bring riders through rough ATV trails, rail trails and secondary roadways.

The action all starts at the Buckwallow Cycling Centre just outside of Gravenhurst on Friday, Sept. 19 as riders head towards Haliburton County. Riders are expected to arrive in Minden around noon on Saturday and should be in Haliburton around 2 p.m. that same day. The race will conclude at Head Lake Park.

For more information on this first event of its kind email info@chicoracing.com or check out the Crank the Shield web site at www.cranktheshield.com.

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What When Where Why How



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Strange BUT TRUE

By Samantha Weaver

Married women aren't likely to be surprised by the following tidbit of information: Studies show that women with husbands typically do 30 percent more housework than single women do.

It was Ferdinand Drucker, a writer and consultant who was considered to be the father of modern management, who made the following sage observation: "In all recorded history there has not been one economist who has had to worry about where the next meal would come from."

The horseshoe crab isn't really a crab. It's actually more closely related to scorpions.

Have you ever heard of a cicerone? It's someone who samples and recommends beer, much like a sommelier does for wine. Not bad work, if you can get it.

If you're the superstitious type, then you probably already know that you're never supposed to whistle backstage at a theater, aboard a naval vessel or in a newspaper's city room.

The first advice book for parents appeared in the United States in 1811.

With the steadily rising food prices we've been seeing lately, you might be having a harder time filling your refrigerator than you used to. You might not realize, though, that part of the problem might be the fact that the size of your refrigerator is increasing, too. Since 1980, the standard refrigerator has increased by 10 percent, to 22 cubic feet. Incidentally, the clothes dryer has grown by 25 percent in the same time period.

Those who study such things say that Lithuanian is the language that is most like the original Indo-European tongue from which all Western languages are descended.

Thought for the Day: "Success consists in being successful, not in having potential for success. Any wide piece of ground is the potential site of a palace, but there's no palace till it's built."
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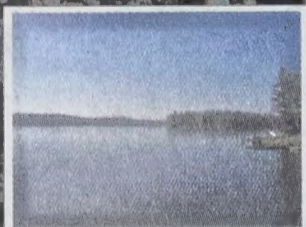
141 ft lot on Little Kennisis. Cottage sits close to the water & you get sun all day on this well treed point lot. Lg docking system, wonderful open view, sand beach area & rock shore with lots of deep water. Sitting close to the water is a 4 season cottage/3 bdrms, play rm, open concept LR/DR/kitchen, lg entertaining deck.

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Kennisis Lake - Wow! Large sand beach with deeper water off the dock. Big lake view & wonderful sunrises. Very private. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, large open concept living/dining & kitchen. Sun room w/ glass across the front looking onto large deck. Walk out lower level includes family room, 2 bedrooms. Bunkie/storage shed also inc.

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Kennisis Lake: 4 season Viceroy cottage on sheltered bay. Terraced lot. Newer septic. Curl up with a book in front of the natural stone fireplace. 2 bdrms, 4 pc bath and upgraded oak kitchen. Large deck to sip coffee on and enjoy the water. Marine rail makes leaving your pride and joy safe while away. Sand beach.

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Lge, very private lot on Kennisis Lk with S exp. 3 season cottage could be made into a winter haven. Nice pine living area, 3 bdrms, new septic, and roof. Well maintained, also a 10 x16 garage style building suitable for making a guest bunkie. Deck and dock at the natural shore line. Sandy area and deep water.

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